

said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶120.12 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶120.13 PERKINS COUNTY RURAL WATER SYSTEM

Mr. DOOLITTLE moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 970) to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., for the construction of water supply facilities in Perkins County, South Dakota; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, recognized Mr. DOOLITTLE and Mr. UNDERWOOD, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶120.14 NATIONAL GEOLOGIC MAPPING REAUTHORIZATION

Mrs. CUBIN moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1528) to reauthorize and amend the National Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, recognized Mrs. CUBIN and Mr. UNDERWOOD, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶120.15 METHANE HYDRATE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. SENSENBRENNER moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1753) to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration,

and development of methane hydrate resources, and for other purposes; as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, recognized Mr. SENSENBRENNER and Mr. COSTELLO, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and pass said bill, as amended?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed.

By unanimous consent, the title was amended so as to read: "An Act to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of gas hydrate resources, and for other purposes."

A motion to reconsider the votes whereby the rules were suspended and said bill, as amended, was passed and the title was amended was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶120.16 CONCERNING NORTHERN PART OF SOMALIA

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 20):

Whereas in the area in the northern part of Somalia, referred to as Somaliland by the elected representatives of the people living there, a significant level of economic and social stability has been achieved, promising likely success for international and United States sponsored economic development and humanitarian programs;

Whereas economic development, humanitarian, and other forms of assistance to the people of such area from international organizations, the United States, and other foreign nations, has been diminished, delayed, or canceled due to questions about the assertion of sovereignty by those people as a nation separate from Somalia;

Whereas provision of economic development and humanitarian assistance to the people of such area does not constitute recognition of any particular claim to sovereignty by any de facto government of the region; and

Whereas the fundamental purpose of economic development, humanitarian, and other aid is to relieve human suffering: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

(1) urges all international organizations, foreign countries, and agencies of the United States Government engaged in economic development, humanitarian, and other forms of bilateral or multilateral assistance to evaluate the ability of such assistance to achieve the amelioration of human suffering in each region of Somalia, including the northern part of Somalia referred to as Somaliland;

(2) urges the President not to delay, diminish, or cancel the amounts and kinds of assistance otherwise appropriate to the people of certain regions in Somalia because conditions may not be propitious for such assistance in other regions of Somalia;

(3) urges the President not to delay, diminish, or cancel the amounts and kinds of such assistance directed toward any region in So-

malia waiting for a permanent resolution of the efforts now underway to forge a new government for Somalia;

(4) calls upon all Somali parties to continue to work toward a permanent end to the civil strife there and the adoption of a permanent governmental structure most conducive to the well-being and basic human rights of all Somali people; and

(5) calls on the President to—

(A) work with the international community to help bring an end to the suffering of the Somali people and work toward a negotiated settlement of the Somali conflict;

(B) increase the levels of humanitarian assistance provided to Somalia through local and international groups;

(C) provide funding for demobilization and demining efforts in Somalia;

(D) provide assistance in the health and education sectors of Somalia; and

(E) work with other donor groups to assist the people of Somalia in reconstruction and development.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BONILLA, recognized Mr. GILMAN and Mr. PAYNE, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, *viva voce*,

Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said concurrent resolution?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GILLMOR, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶120.17 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

¶120.18 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that pursuant to Public Law 100-696, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, announces the appointment of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) as a member of the United States Capitol Preservation Commission, vice the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN).

¶120.19 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 1949

Mr. GILMAN moved to suspend the rules and agree to the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 102):

Whereas the Geneva Conventions of 1949 set basic humane standards of behavior during armed conflict, and are the major written source of international humanitarian law;

Whereas these Conventions prescribe humane treatment for civilian populations, wounded, sick and shipwrecked military personnel, and prisoners of war during armed conflict;